

"...intelligent virtuosity and youthful fire." The Guardian 2 Aug 2015



Vadym Kholodenko is fast building a reputation as one of the most musically dynamic technically gifted performers of the new generation of pianists, praised by the Philadelphia Enquirer in his performance of Tchaikovsky with the Philadelphia Orchestra for "*his absorbing melodic shading [and] glittering passage work*". Winner of the **2013 Gold Medal** at the **Van Cliburn International Piano Competition**, Kholodenko has begun to forge an international career throughout Europe, Asia and North America to great critical acclaim. Previous awards include First Prize at the 2011 **Schubert Piano Competition** in Dortmund, First Prize at the 2010 **Sendai Piano Competition** in Japan and the Grand Prix at the **Maria Callas Competition** in Athens.

From the 14/15 season Kholodenko became the first ever "**Artist in Partnership**" with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. This three-year collaboration includes performances of the complete Prokofiev piano concertos which will also be recorded for Harmonia Mundi, in addition to chamber music projects and international touring. Artistic partnerships form an integral part of Kholodenko's musical drive. A committed chamber musician he has collaborated with Vadim Repin, Alena Baeva and cellist Alexander Buzlov. His strength in this area was recognised by the Cliburn Competition judges who additionally awarded him the competition's prize for Best Chamber Music Performance.

Kholodenko has collaborated with distinguished conductors including Valery Gergiev, Leonard Slatkin, Vladimir Fedoseyev, Miguel Harth-Bedoya, Yuri Bashmet, Vladimir Spivakov, Kazuki Yamada and Carl St Clair. In North America he has performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Indianapolis Symphony, Kansas City Symphony, Rochester Philharmonic, and San Diego Symphony Orchestras, and given recitals throughout the country including in Boston and at the Aspen Music Festival. Elsewhere recent highlights include performances with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Tokyo Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra, Orquestra Sinfónica Do Porto Casa Da Música, Malmö Symphony Orchestra, RTVE Symphony Orchestra in Madrid, Orquesta Nacional de España and recitals in the UK, Radio France in Paris, Lucerne, Moscow Conservatoire, at the SWR Schwetzingen Festspiele and throughout Japan. In 2013 he held a residency at the Mariinsky Concert Hall where he was named Artist of the Month by Valery Gergiev.

Engagements in the 16/17 season include his Paris debut at the Philharmonie with the Mariinsky Orchestra conducted by Valery Gergiev (Prokofiev) and his London debut with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra alongside performances with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra/Volkov (Rachmaninov), Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg/Gergiev, Norwegian Radio Orchestra in Bucharest (Grieg), Prague Symphony Orchestra at the Bratislava Festival (Prokofiev), Malaysian Philharmonic (Grieg) and a return to the RTVE Symphony Orchestra (Scriabin). Recital tours take Kholodenko to China and Japan, where performances include Beijing, Tokyo and Fukui. In Europe he performs in Eindhoven and Baden as well as returning to the UK for a recital tour including LSO St Luke's in London. Kholodenko also takes up the position of **Artist-in-Residence** at the Fribourg International Piano Series from the 2016/17 season.

Kholodenko's recordings for Harmonia Mundi include the Grieg Piano Concerto and Saint-Saens Piano Concerto No 2 with the Norwegian Radio Orchestra / Harth-Bedoya, which was released in August 2015 to critical acclaim and awarded "**Editor's Choice**" in Gramophone "*a truly outstanding recording*". His latest release for the label – the first instalment of his Prokofiev Concerto Cycle (Nos 2 & 5) – was praised by Gramophone for its "*forthright, lithe ad virile performances*". Future releases include the second disc of Prokofiev concertos and solo works by Scriabin.

Vadym Kholodenko was born in 1986 in Kiev, Ukraine. At the age of 13 gave his first concerts in the USA, China, Hungary and Croatia and in 2004 he was awarded the Russian Youth National Prize "Triumph". In 2005 moved to Moscow to study at the Moscow State Conservatoire under the tutelage of the Honoured Artist of the USSR, Professor Vera Gornostaeva.

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